A PROCLAMATION
Made and proclaimed in Holland, &c.
BY THE LORDS

the generall States of the vnited Netherland Prouinces, prohibiting all Ieſuites, Prieſts, Monkes, Friers, and other Spirituall perſons of the Romiſh Religion, to come into the vnited Netherland Prouinces, *or to ſtay therein, &c.*

As alſo that no man ſhall ſend any children out of the ſaid vnited Netherlands to Schoole or to boord, in any Townes, Places, Vniuerſities or Schooles, vnder the King of Spaines commaund, into the Enemies Countrey, nor into any Ieſuites Colledges.

As alſo not to make any Collections or gatherings of money, gold and ſiluer minted and vnminted, or of any other Goods, Wares, or Marchandizes, for, or to the behooſe of any Churches, Hoſpitalls, Eccleſiaſticall or other Colledges or Couents.

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A PROCLAMATION MADE AND PROCLAIMED IN HOLLAND, BY THE LORDS, the generall States of the vnited *Netherland Prouinces.* &c.

THE States generall of the vnited Netherland Prouinces, To all men to whom theſe preſents ſhall come to be ſeene, read, or vnderſtood, greeting: For that, notwithſtanding the expiration of the Truce, whereby theſe Countries are againe entered into open Warre with the King of Spaine, and his adherents, The peſtiferous and murthering Sect of Ieſuites, and other Prieſts, Monkes, Friers, and other religious perſons, profeſſing Orders vnder the Romiſh Religion, emboldeu themſelues to come into theſe Countries, not onely into the Townes, but alſo into the Villages of the ſame, there to ſeduce and infect the good and true Inhabitants of the ſame, with their falſe doctrine and idolatry: as alſo to mooue them vnto rebellion againſt their

lawfull Magiſtrates, To murther Princes, and Potentates, and to inſtruct them in all manner of Treachery and Treaſon, thereby to induce and bring the Tirannie and abſolute gouernment of the King of Spaine and his adherents, in Temporall, and that of the Pope of Rome, and his followers in Spirituall gouernment againe into theſe Countries, To that end making diuers prohibited meetings and aſſemblies, to the great preiudice of the State of theſe Prouinces; and withall, ſeeking to withdraw children from their due obedience to their Parents, and women from their duties vnto their Husbands, as by diuers their proceedings, it hath beene manifeſtly ſeene and found out: for the preuention whereof, diuers Proclamations haue beene formerly made and publiſhed by vs, and the Lords the States of the reſpectiue Prouinces therein following the examples of diuers Kings & Common-wealthes, which our ſaid Proclamations, we by no meanes doe hereby intend to abrogate or diſanull, vnleſſe it be in ſuch points, wherein by theſe wee make, and further ordaine more ſtrict proceedings, by the ſame with more care and diligence to prouide remedies againſt the ſaid peruerſe and wicked perſons. Therefore, we haue prohibited and commaunded, and by theſe preſents commaund and prohibit, that no Ieſuites, nor any that haue entred into any part of their Orders, nor any Prieſts, Monkes, Friers, or any others

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profeſſing any Orders or Sects of Religion in the Romiſh Church, ſhall from henceforth come into, nor remaine in any of the vnited Netherland Prouinces, nor of their adherents, whether they be naturall Subiects thereof or otherwiſe whatſoeuer: and further haue ordained, and by theſe preſents ordaine, that all Ieſuites, and others that haue entred into any part of their Orders, that now at this preſent are within theſe Countries, ſhall within ſixe dayes after the publication of theſe preſents, depart out of theſe ſaid vnited prouinces, vpon paine, that if any of them after the ſaid ſixe dayes are expired, ſhall beefound within theſe ſaid Countries; they ſhall be holden and eſteemed to be a good prize, and ranſomable as Enemies of the Lands, and as ſuch ſhall and may be taken and apprehended by euery man, and ſo deliuered vnto the Officers of the places where they ſhall be found, that with his conſent and knowledge, by the commaundement of the Magiſtrates: for the firſt time, they may be ranſommed, at as high a prize as may be, and that no leſſe then a hundred pound Flemmiſh for euery man: whereof thoſe that ſhall ſo haue apprehended them, or otherwiſe made them knowne to the Magiſtrates, whereby they fell into their hands, ſhall haue the 3. fourth parts, and the Officer the other fourth part. And for the ſecond time, to be openly whipt, banniſhed out of the Countrey, and fined according to the waightineſſe

neſſe of the cauſe, to their vſes as aforeſaid, and the third time, being taken againe, To be hardly puniſhed, as perturbers of the common peace of theſe Countries, with confiſcation of all their goods and lands, as the caſe requireth. Withall, expreſly prohibiting all Colledges to whom authority is giuen to make paſports, not to giue paſports vnto ſuch perſons, without our conſents firſt had and graunted: prohibiting alſo, all the Inhabitants of theſe Countries, not to receiue into, entertaine, nor lodge any of the ſaid perſons in their houſes, vpon paine of forfaiting of a hundred pounds Flemmiſh money, for the firſt time that they ſhall ſo offend: for the ſecond time of two hundred pounds Flemmiſh: and for the third time, To be bodily puniſhed and baniſhed out of theſe Countries, with confiſcation of all their lands and goods. Further prohibiting, all Inhabitants of theſe Countries, not to haue any correſpondence by Letters or otherwiſe with the ſaid perſons, commaunding euery man, that ſhall haue or receiue any Letters from any ſuch perſons, preſently to deliuer them vnto the principal Officers or Magiſtrates of the Townes and places in the Country where they reſide, vpon paine of forfaiture of fifty pounds Flemmiſh, for euery time that they ſhall offend therein. And touching the prieſts, Monkes, Friers, or other ſpirituall perſons of the Romiſh Sect, being no Ieſuites, that haue long dwelt in theſe Countries, They

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ſhall be bound within eight dayes after the publication of theſe preſents, to certifie their names and dwelling places vnto the Magiſtrates where they are reſident, to the end, that notice may be had of them, and regard taken of their actions and behauiours, vpon paine to be handled and dealt withall, in ſuch manner, as is formerly ordained for the Ieſuites. And we further ordaine, that the ſaid perſons, ſhall behaue and gouerne themſelues according to the ordinances and proclamations ſet downe and proclaimed by theſe Countries: vpon paine for doing the contrary, to be puniſhed according to their deſerts. Wee alſo prohibit all Inhabitants of theſe Countries, not to goe themſelues, nor ſend their children, or any others, vnder their gouernment and direction, to Schoole, or to lye and boord in any Townes, places, Vniuerſities, or Schooles, vnder the commaund of the King of Spaine, in the Enemies Countries, nor into any Ieſuites Colledges, charging and commaunding all and euery one of them, that they or their children whom they haue already ſent thither, within one moneth next enſuing after the publication of theſe preſents, ſhall come out and withdraw themſelues from thoſe places, vpon paine of the forfaiture and payment of 100. Gildernes euery moneth, for euery child or perſon, that there goeth to Schole, or there lyeth or boordeth, as long as they contrary to this our commandement ſhall be found

to haue beene there: the ſaid fine to be paid by the Parents, Tutors, Rent-gatherers, or receiuers of the money, goods, and lands of the ſaid perſons. Alſo expreſly prohibiting, all men whatſoeuer inhabiting in theſe Countries, or that frequent the ſame, either directly or indirectly to make, or cauſe to be made any collections or gatherings of money, for, or to the behoofe of any Churches, Hoſpitals, Spirituall or other Colledges or couents, by what name ſoeuer they are or may be called, or for any of the ſaid Spirituall perſons, lying or dwelling vnder the commaund of the King of Spaine, or his adherents, or in any other Romiſh Papiſticall Countries whatſoeuer: as we alſo expreſly prohibite ſuch collections of monies, to be carried or conuayed out of theſe Countries, neither yet to be made ouer by aſſignation, or by any other manner whatſoeuer, directly or indirectly, vnto the ſaid perſons, Colledges, couents, or other places whereſoeuer, neither yet to helpe the ſaid collected money, or any other gold or ſiluer, minted or vnminted, or any other goods, wares, and Merchandizes, to be ſent or made ouer, vpon paine, that thoſe that make, or procure any ſuch collections to be made, ſhall be puniſhed with death, and confiſcation of all their lands and goods. And thoſe that carrie and conuay ſuch collected monies, gold, or ſiluer, minted or vnminted, or any other goods, wares, or Merchandizes vnto the afore-ſaid Ieſuites, or

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other the afore-ſaid Spirituall perſons, Colledges, couents, or Officers of Churches and Hoſpitals, to be bodily puniſhed with confiſcation of their lands and goods, according to the waighti-neſſe of the cauſe. And that all thoſe, that from henceforth ſhall be found, to haue contributed any thing vnto the ſaid collections of money, ſhall forfait and pay one hundred pounds Flemmiſh, as often, and as many times, as they ſhall be found to haue done the ſame. All which fines, penualties, and confiſcations, we haue declared, and by theſe preſents declare, that they ſhall be applied, the one halfe to the vſe and behooſe of the Informers: and the other halfe to the vſe of the Officer, that ſhall doe execution vpon the ſame. Declaring alſo, that all contradictions made or practiſed againſt theſe our ordinances, and which ſhall heereafter be found out to haue bin done, notwithſtanding any preſcription of time ſhall be puniſhed, in ſuch manner, as if they were preſently acted and done. And ſuch as ſhall not be able to pay the ſaid fines and penualties, ſhall be corporally puniſhed for the ſame. Appointing all Courts of Iuſtice, Iudges, and Iuſtices of theſe Countries, heerein to doe good and ſpeedy Iuſtice, without forme of proceſſe, or any diminiſhing of paines & penualties, or any other delayes, that ſo this our ordinance may the better be obſerued and executed. Declaring alſo, that all Officers, that ſhall be ſlacke, and negligent to

execute these our ordinances, as they are by vs appointed and set downe, shall incurre the danger of loosing their Offices, and that the same thereupon and forthwith shall be impetrable by others. And that no man shall or may pretend ignorance herein, we desire & request, the States, Stateholders, Counsels, and deputed States of the respective Prouinces of Gelderland, the Earldome of Zutphen, Holland, West-Freeseland, Zealand, Vtrecht, Freeseland, Ouer-Issell, and the Towne of Groninghen, with the territories thereof, and all other Officers and Iustices to whom it doth or may appertaine, To cause this our Proclamation, presently and forthwith to be proclaimed, published, and read, in euery place where the same is vsually and ordinarily to be proclaimed, and to proceede, and cause Iustice to bee done, against, and vpon the breakers and offenders thereof, without any grace, fauour, dissimulation, or delay whatsoeuer, as being most seruiceable and conuenient for the good and benefit of these Countries. Giuen and ordained, in the assembly of the said Lords the States generall in Grauen Hage, the 26. of February, 1622. Vnder written *E. vander Marck. vt.* And signed by order from the Lords the States generall, *C. Aerssen.*

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The Printers Priuiledge.

THis day being the 26. of February, anno 1622. the Lords, the generall States of the vnited Prouinces, haue giuen their consents and graunted, and by these presents giue consent, and graunt lycence vnto Hillebrant Iacobson, their ordinary sworne Printer, that he alone within the said Countries, shall and may Print the Proclamation; whereby order is taken, concerning the comming in and staying of Iesuites, Priests, Monkes, Friers, or any other Spirituall persons of the Romish Religion, into and in these Countries. As also against the frequenting of Schooles, Places, & Vniuersities, vnder the commaund of the King of Spaine, in the Enemies Countrey, or into any other Iesuites Colledges: as also for the prohibiting of any collections of monies to be made, &c. by them made, and thus present day ordained and decreed. Hereby prohibiting all Printers within these vnited Prouinces, To Print the same Proclamation, vpon paine of the losse and forfaiture of all the said Printed Copies: and further, of the sum of one hundred and fiftie pounds, of 40. groates the pound, one third to be giuen to the Officer that shall doe execution thereupon, one third part to the poore, and another third part to the vse of our said Printer. Giuen in the assembly of the Lords, the States generall, in Grauen Hage, the day and yeare aboue said. Vnderwritten E. vander Marck. vt. And signed, by order from the Lords the States generall. C. Aerssen.